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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND,.....1,400,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

NOTICE.
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

THE AGENCY of this BANK at Foochow will be CLOSED and WITHDRAWN from 1st July next.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS and FIXED DEPOSIT RECEIPTS will be PAID there AT ONCE with INTEREST to Date, or transferred to this Branch at the Exchange of the Day at the option of Constituents.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
p. Manager,
Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, May 28, 1879.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.
(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION of 30th April, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP.....23,200,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£800,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, RUE BERGERE,
PARIS.

AGENCIES and BRANCHES at:
LONDON, BOURBON, SAN FRANCISCO,
MARSEILLE, BOMBAY, HONGKONG,
LYONS, CALCUTTA, HANKOW,
NANTES, SHANGHAI, FOOCHOW.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained, on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 12 " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 3 " 2 per cent. "

H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL.....£800,000.
RESERVE FUND.....£150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East: buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr. ERNEST VAUGHAN WETTON will CONDUCT my BUSINESS, for which purpose he holds authority to SIGN my name.

R. G. ALFORD,
Surveyor, &c.

16, Queen's Road Central,
1st August, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER
AND
COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS intended for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE,

In Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THE Undersigned offers for SALE at moderate Prices, an invoice of

PRESERVED MEATS from the SYDNEY PRESERVED MEAT COMPANY,

Comprising: Boiled Beef and Mutton, Corned Beef and Soup and Bouilli in 6-lb. Tins, Ox-tongues, Spiced, Corned and Seasoned Beef, Roast and Corned Mutton, Sheep-tongues, Real Turkey Soup, Assorted Soups, Sheep-head, Compressed Meats, Braised and Ox-tongues, etc., in 2-lb. Tins.

And,

A small Invoice of Superior Red and White AUSTRALIAN GROWN WINES,

viz: MURRAY VALLEY and WYNDHAM WINES, comprising: Tokay, Verdicchio, Muscat, Claret, Madeira, Sherry, Riesling Burgundy, Hermitage, Pinot in Quarts and Pints.

Also,

(From Bordeaux),

CHATEAU DE FRAUDS, a Superior Breakfast Claret at \$5 per Case.

A few Cases of LA FERTE.

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, July 17, 1879.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned begs to inform his

Customers and the Public that he has

MOVED TO Address No. 95, Queen's Road

CENTRAL. Same Address as before the fire.

TUNG CHEONG, Tailor.

Hongkong, August 20, 1879.

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Banks.

FOR SALE.

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VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN,

Dry CHAMPAGNE (England)

in Quarts of.....1 doz. Quarts.

" 2 " lints.

" Apply to

SANDER & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, August 13, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s

CHAMPAGNE,

awarded at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX:

Quarts.....\$17 per Case of 1 doz.

Pints.....\$18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

DURING my temporary absence from the Colony Mr R. M. ROBERTSON will Sign "ACTING SECRETARY."

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 3, 1879.

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FOR SALE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS

are requested to send in an Account of Business contributed during the Year ended 30th June, 1879, on or before September 30th, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 3, 1879.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

KEROSINE OIL Landed and Stored in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS constructed expressly for the purpose.

For Terms, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, August 26, 1879. sc26

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and China for the Sale of their LEAD by the MICHERNICH MINING SOCIETY.

MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, June 27, 1879. sc27

SAILORS' HOME.

A NY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Glencoe having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 11th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, September 4, 1879. sell

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Venice having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Hongkong, September 5, 1879. sc12

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamer Japan, Captain Gardner, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

D. SASOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, September 5, 1879. sc12

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Hindostan, Captain McCon nell, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees are hereby informed that the General Cargo will be landed by, and into the Godowns of the Undersigned at Wan Chai, whence delivery can be obtained on and after the 7th Instant.

Goods remaining in Godowns after the 11th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 6, 1879. sc13

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. IRAOUDADDY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. Euphrate, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, at 1 o'clock p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Tues day, the 9th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 2, 1879. sc9

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Peir.

S..... 1 parcel Samples, from M (in diamond) 1 Shanghai.
Messrs Tata & Co., 1 parcel Tea Musters, from Shanghai.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, August 20, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship
"ESMERALDA,"
Captain TALBOR, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 9th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, September 8, 1879. sc9

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"CHINKIANG,"
S. M. ORB, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 9th Instant, at 1 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, September 8, 1879. sc9

FOR HAIPHONG.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANOI)

The Steamer
"BELLONA,"
Capt. AHRENS, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 10th Instant, at 6 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, September 8, 1879. sell

TREASURY BILLS.

TENDERS of SPECIE, Mexican Dollars current in this Colony, weighing 7.17, in exchange for BILLS, drawn at 10 days' sight, on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, will be RECEIVED by the TREASURER until 12 Noon on the 10th Instant.

The Tenders to state the Total Amount required, and the Amount for which each Bill should be drawn; but no Bills will be issued for sums below £1,000.

The Tenders to be in duplicate, in Sealed Covers, addressed to "The Treasurer," and endorsed "Tenders for Treasury Bills."

The right to accept, or reject, any or all the Tenders is reserved.

J. MUSKETT, Captain,
Treasurer.

Treasury Office, Commissariat Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 8th Sept., 1879. sc10

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TIBRE,"
Commandant REYNIER, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 8, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TIGRE,"
Commandant _____, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 8, 1879.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st October, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Domesara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On Through PASSAGES to EUROPE, a REDUCTION is granted to OFFICERS of THE ARMY AND NAVY, AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board, until 4 p.m., the 30th September. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 8, 1879. co1

To-day's Advertisements.

\$100—REWARD.

WILL be Paid by the Undersigned to any Person giving such information (privately and confidentially if necessary) as shall lead to the Recovery of the LEDGER and SCRAPBOOKS of the late EDWARD JOSUA SAGE, who died in Hongkong, on the 20th November, 1873.

Said Books should be in the possession of the Official Administrator, but cannot be found.

Communications to be addressed to the Undersigned, at the Hongkong Club; or to Mrs Sage, at Macao.

T. J. REYNOLDS.

Hongkong, September 8, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessel, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

NORMAN COURT, British barque, Capt. J. L. Dunn.—O. & S. S. Co.

ALEXANDER YEATS, Canadian ship, Capt. J. W. Dunham.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 6, Emuy, Spanish steamer, 222, F. Blanco, Manila Sept. 8, General.—RENDEZVOUS & Co.

Sept. 7, Namoa, British steamer, 862, Westoby, Foochow Sept. 4, Amoy 5, and Swatow 6, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Sept. 7, Danube, British steamer, 561, Clanchy, Bangkok Aug. 31, Geneal.—YUEN FAT HONG.

Sept. 7, Chinkiang, British steamer, from Canton.

Sept. 8, Ningpo, British steamer, 761, R. Cassa, Shanghai Sept. 6, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Sept. 8, Esmeralda, British steamer, 395, R. Talbot, Manila Sept. 8, General.—RUSSELL & Co.

Sept. 8, Bellona, German steamer, 789, Ahrens, from Hoilhow Sept. 7, General.—MEYER & Co.

Sept. 8, Alexander Yeats, Canadian ship, 1598, J. W. Dunham, Cardiff May 5, Coal.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 7, Nestor, for Amoy and Shanghai.

7, Harmonie, for Whampoa.

7, Diamante, for Manila.

7, Yungching, for Shanghai.

7, Kuangchow, for Hoilhow.

7, Kiuwa, for Shanghai.

8, Yotung, for Swatow.

8, Ningpo, for Canton.

8, Kuangtung, for Coast Ports.

8, China, for Yokohama.

8, Amuy, for Amoy.

COLED.

Chinkiang, for Shanghai.

Conquest, for Hoilhow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Emuy, from Manila, Mr Ross, and 60 Chinese.

Per Namoa, from Coast Ports, Mdme. G. Laurent, Messrs C. D. Weeks, W. B. Thomas, J. B. L. da Sa, 3 Europeans deck, and 180 Chinese.

Per Danube, from Baugkok, Mr Prinsen.

Per Ningpo, from Shanghai, 26 Chinese.

Per Esmeralda, from Manila, 63 Chinese.

Per Bellona, from Hoilhow, 52 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Cathay, from Hongkong for Southampton, Messrs C. D. Weeks, Al. Patterso, and A. Small. From Shanghai for Brindisi, Mr Budler. From Yokohama for Southampton,

The Band will play to-morrow (Tuesday) evening from 9 o'clock to 11 in the Public Gardens, weather permitting. — We are informed that this time there is to be no "hitch." The Gardens will be illuminated, and so nicely and precisely have matters been arranged, that there can be no mistakes; "the man with the big drum" will enter the gate with the other members behind him, precisely as the last candle is lighted. The following is the programme:—
March, Glasgow, Borisean.
Overture, Tampa, Herold.
Selection, London, Petrelle.
Valse, Die Grillebammer, Strauss.
Grand Fan, Voyage to Hongkong, Werner.
Galop, Berlin, Michaelis.
L. WERNER, Band Master.

The feature of the evening will be, of course, Herr Werner's new composition, "the voyage to Hongkong," which is thus described:—

1 Gun Fire. Reveille. Soldier's Dream. Fall-in. Bugle and rush of men to fall in. "Quick March." Bands playing the Regiment to the railway station. First Band playing "The Girl I left behind me"; second Band "The Old Folks at Home"; the third Band "Home sweet Home." Regiment arrives at the railway station; "Halt!" Train ready to start. Steam Guard's and Engine's whistles heard. Train starts slowly and a rive at place of embarkation. Steam and whistle again heard. Regimental band plays the Regiment to the steamer; "Good bye, sweet heart" Steamer going down the river. Imitation of Engine. Imitation of Sea-birds. The land fades from sight; "Isle of Beauty, fare thee well." Concert at Sea. Song "Near thee; Near thee." Air with clarinet, flute, and cornet variations. "Mazurka," etc. Then, storm at sea. The captain's word of command is heard; the sailors shouting "Ho! Ho!" the boatswain's whistle; children crying, and alarm-bell. The storm abates; Calm. Thanksgiving. Himalaya Polka. Land sighted. Air, "Cheer boys, cheer." Finale.

GENERAL Grant's departure from Yokohama for America was fixed for the 2nd inst. per *City of Tokio*.

A REQUEST, addressed to the authorities concerned, asking for an abatement of the present serious nuisance of cremation practised in close proximity to the Bluff Houses, has (says the *Japan Gazette*) been sent to us for signatures, which, as Bluff residents and sufferers, we had no hesitation in appending. We observed with regret one of the signatories had had the extremely bad taste to underline the word "pray" properly placed in the text, and to add to it a note of admiration. Another signatory adds, "I rather enjoy it," and still another, "I rather like cremation."

Mr H. Budler, who was to have succeeded Mr P. G. von Möllendorff as Interpreter at the German Consulate-General, Shanghai, is, we note, homeward bound by the P. & O. steamer *Cathay*. Ill-health, we understand, is the cause of his sudden departure. The *N. O. D. News* says:—

During his stay in China, Mr Budler was very energetic in his endeavours to promote the spread of Western art and science among the natives. His loss will, therefore, be much felt in certain circles. Mr P. G. von Möllendorff will not go now to Peking, at least for a time, but will continue to perform his duties in this Settlement as heretofore.

We learn from an Imperial Decree, dated 27th August, that Kue Sung-tao, late Minister to England, has been granted leave to retire from his office of Vice-President of the Board of War on the plea of ill health. The Courier says:—

The announcement must cause general regret amongst all who hoped that the ex-Minister's wide experience of foreign matters would be turned to profitable account by his own Government. There can be little doubt that the accounts which reached the Peking Government of his readiness to conform to European customs have led to his enforced retirement from official life.

THE object of the *Vitter Pisan* in coming to Japan is to survey the waters in the neighbourhood of the coast, which it is supposed will take one hundred days to complete.

IN regard to the commencement of the fortnightly service between Yokohama and Hongkong, via Kobe, by the vessels of the Mitsu Bishi Company, the departure of the first steamer—the *Niigata Maru*—has been postponed to the 4th of October. The *Niigata Maru* is to be followed by the *Takasago Maru*.

THE *Shun Pao* states that the Magistrate of the district of Kien Ping, named Yang, has issued the following proclamation:—"I hereby notify keepers of opium shops that henceforth all their establishments must be closed, and that they must find some better occupation. If any one of them is known hereafter to be keeping an opium shop he shall be punished according to the law; and if any persons shall allow their houses to be rented as opium shops, their premises thus used shall be confiscated."

THE Swallow Opium Guild case came on at Shanghai on the 2nd inst., before His Excellency the Taotai; and, the Mixed Court Magistrate; A. Davenport, Esq., H. M.'s Consul; and C. F. R. Allen, Esq., H. M.'s Vice-Consul and British Assessor. The case—Messrs T. W. Duff, and D. M. David v. the Swallow Opium Guild—is one in which a conspiracy against foreign trade is alleged. The plaintiffs are merchants at Chinkiang, and their claim, which was for the total amount of Tls. 12,000—Tls. 6,000 each—was based on a despatch from H. M.'s Consul at Shanghai to the Taotai.

There were seven defendants, whose names were Li Kwan-chi, Cheng Yan-yu, Chapkees, Tuk shun, Wo-yu, Kwo Hang-fung and Ye-tai, and they were styled by the plaintiffs as members of the Committee of the Swallow Opium Guild, but in documents from the Taotai they were described as officers in charge of the Opium Tax Office. Of the Tls. 12,000 claimed by the

plaintiffs, they sought to recover Tls. 10,000 as compensation for obstruction and injury by the defendants to their sale of opium, by openly and audaciously violating treaty stipulations, whereby they had rendered them as traders in opium helpless; the plaintiffs further claimed Tls. 2,000 for expenses. The hearing of this case, which has been pending for the last four or five months, has been looked forward to with more than usual interest; the fact that it affects the action and position of Chinese Guido, in relation to foreign trade, rendering it of great importance to the mercantile community generally. The Court and its approaches were crowded throughout the hearing, which lasted from ten o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the evening, and during the proceedings some rather strange revelations, in relation to trade, were made. The Shanghai papers give full reports of the proceedings, which we shall summarise from time to time.

A STORY reaches us through the *Peking Gazette*, which adds another proof to the many already existing of the fact that the Chinese, whatever may be their other defects of character, deserve, at least, the credit of being able to die well. A servant, who accompanied one of the Commandants of the forces to Ili relates the story of his master's death, which in substance is as follows:—In March, 1861, I left behind me; the second Band "The Old Folks at Home"; the third Band "Home sweet Home." Regiment arrived at the railway station; "Halt!" Train ready to start. Steam Guard's and Engine's whistles heard. Train starts slowly and a rive at place of embarkation. Steam and whistle again heard. Regimental band plays the Regiment to the steamer; "Good bye, sweet heart" Steamer going down the river. Imitation of Engine. Imitation of Sea-birds. The land fades from sight; "Isle of Beauty, fare thee well." Concert at Sea. Song "Near thee; Near thee." Air with clarinet, flute, and cornet variations. "Mazurka," etc. Then, storm at sea. The captain's word of command is heard; the sailors shouting "Ho! Ho!" the boatswain's whistle; children crying, and alarm-bell. The storm abates; Calm. Thanksgiving. Himalaya Polka. Land sighted. Air, "Cheer boys, cheer." Finale.

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A REQUEST, addressed to the authorities concerned, asking for an abatement of the present serious nuisance of cremation practised in close proximity to the Bluff Houses, has (says the *Japan Gazette*) been sent to us for signatures, which, as Bluff residents and sufferers, we had no hesitation in appending. We observed with regret one of the signatories had had the extremely bad taste to underline the word "pray" properly placed in the text, and to add to it a note of admiration. Another signatory adds, "I rather enjoy it," and still another, "I rather like cremation."

Mr H. Budler, who was to have succeeded Mr P. G. von Möllendorff as Interpreter at the German Consulate-General, Shanghai, is, we note, homeward bound by the P. & O. steamer *Cathay*. Ill-health, we understand, is the cause of his sudden departure. The *N. O. D. News* says:—

During his stay in China, Mr Budler was very energetic in his endeavours to promote the spread of Western art and science among the natives. His loss will, therefore, be much felt in certain circles. Mr P. G. von Möllendorff will not go now to Peking, at least for a time, but will continue to perform his duties in this Settlement as heretofore.

WE learn from an Imperial Decree, dated 27th August, that Kue Sung-tao, late Minister to England, has been granted leave to retire from his office of Vice-President of the Board of War on the plea of ill health. The Courier says:—

The announcement must cause general regret amongst all who hoped that the ex-Minister's wide experience of foreign matters would be turned to profitable account by his own Government. There can be little doubt that the accounts which reached the Peking Government of his readiness to conform to European customs have led to his enforced retirement from official life.

THE object of the *Vitter Pisan* in coming to Japan is to survey the waters in the neighbourhood of the coast, which it is supposed will take one hundred days to complete.

IN regard to the commencement of the

fortnightly service between Yokohama and Hongkong, via Kobe, by the vessels of the Mitsu Bishi Company, the departure of the first steamer—the *Niigata Maru*—has been postponed to the 4th of October. The *Niigata Maru* is to be followed by the *Takasago Maru*.

LETTERS from Peking, we read in the *Japan Gazette*, say that great secrecy is observed, so that no news of a trustworthy character can be obtained to show the present state of the negotiations between China and Russia about the rending of Kuldja (Ili). There are, however, reasons for believing that, so far, the Chinese claim has either evaded or met by important claims for compensation. The Russian forces have been increased, and the Chinese armies receive continual reinforcements of partially trained men. Much mystery is observed about the number of the Chinese forces, and their strength cannot be estimated with any confidence. It is said that the armies in Kashgar and on the confines of Ili constitute the largest force. Tso has yet had under his command, and that the arms and equipment of the "brave," whether infantry, irregular cavalry or artillery, are in a satisfactory condition. At one time the question gave rise to the most serious anxiety to the Council at Peking; but during the last three or four months the Chinese have become more confident in their strength, so that it is most probable the Chinese Cabinet may, in case of a crisis, agree to Tso's bold recommendations.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Plunket).

Monday, September 8.

A POOR EXCUSE.

Kwan A Chung was charged by Inspector Mulgrave with raking out rubbish

from the dust bin on the Pokfokum Road, massing the road and causing an unpleasant smell.

Defendant stated that he saw a man throw some onions into the dust bin, and wanted to see if any of them were fit to eat.

Inspector Mulgrave stated that the defendant was well known to him as a

rogue and vagabond; he had been in gaol several times.

Fined \$2, in default of payment, seven days' hard labour.

GAMBLING.

Tong Man Li was charged with gambling on the Pokfokum Road, and being a rogue and vagabond.

Police Sergeant Sam A Kan stated that he had heard that gamblers were in the habit of going out to the stone cutters and enticing them to gamble. He went to look after them, and caught defendant playing dominoes; he arrested him and found \$1.40 on his person.

Defendant stated that he was sitting down to cool himself, and was not engaged in the game.

Sam A Kan, re-called, said—"When I arrested the prisoner he had the dominoes in his hand."

Prisoner was fined \$6; in default of payment, fourteen days in gaol with hard labour.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)

FIRST OFFENCE.

John Henry Bloomfield, musician, a native of Ireland, charged with being drunk and disorderly, stated that he was very sorry he had got drunk. He came from Calcutta six days ago to look for employment, and had never been in trouble before.

His Worship told defendant he would let him off this time, but he must be careful not to come before him again.

DRUNK AND INAPPROPRIATE.

Charles Martin, an unemployed seaman, from Chilli, and John Johnson, a Russian seaman of the American barque *Excelsior*, were each fined a dollar for being drunk and incapable.

James Durning, a seaman of H. M. S. *Erebus*, was charged with being drunk, and refusing to pay chair hire; he admitted being "very drunk," and said he remembered nothing.

A YOUNG DISORDERLY.

William Hocking, a lad of 19, employed on the American barque *Excelsior*, was fined \$1 for being drunk and disorderly at the Praya on the 7th instant.

Ordered to pay thirty cents to the chair coiner.

Charles Fanlauer, an unemployed engineer, charged with being drunk, and refusing to pay chair hire, was discharged, the complainant failing to appear to press the charge.

STEALING A SODA WATER BOTTLE.

Li A Ho, who stated that he had gone on board the steamship *Ku Shan* to look for work, was seen to left a soda-water bottle and slip it into his waistband.

Defendant admitted taking the bottle, and was fined \$8 for unlawful possession, in default of payment ten days in gaol with hard labour.

A FOOL THIEF.

Ho A Yap was charged with stealing three pieces of wood from the Sang Cheong carpenter shop on the 6th instant.

Liang A Chuk, master of the shop, stated that he saw the defendant running away with the three pieces of wood, and called out to one of his coolies to chase him.

Lo A Yak, employed by last witness, heard his master call out to him to run after a thief; he ran out, and saw the wood lying on the road, and the prisoner running away. He followed him and caught him. When he seized prisoner he said,—"Let me off this time." Witness gave prisoner over to a constable.

Defendant admitted the charge, and pleaded poverty, and asked to be sent to Shun Tak. He has been here three months and was out of employment.

His Worship sent him to gaol for twenty-one days, with hard labour, and instructed him to apply for a passage home after his twenty-one days were finished.

SNATCHING DOLLARS.

Chai A Ng was charged with stealing \$10, the property of Wong Akwa, a married woman.

The complainant was in a shop in Tai Ping Street getting some dollars and broken silver weighed. The accountant of the shop had weighed \$10 which he wrapped in a paper and gave to the woman, who kept it on the counter, with her hand on it, until the balance of the broken silver was weighed.

Defendant came into the shop and asked for two cash worth of cigarettes. He snatched the \$10 from complainant's hand and bolted with it. Complainant ran after him calling out "thief" and never lost sight of him until he was arrested in the Queen's Road by a District Watchman. When arrested the prisoner said,—

"I did not snatch your money."

Ho Atak, accountant of the Chang Hing shop, swore to the prisoner being the man who snatched the packet of silver from complainant's hand. Witness has not seen complainant or defendant since the money was stolen, until this morning.

Defendant said that he had been engaged to work on board some ship and was on the way to his work; being late, he was running along the street when he was arrested by mistake.

Complainant was re-called, and stated, that when prisoner was running away, he fell down in Tank Lane and covered himself with mud.

Sam Tong, charge-room interpreter, stated that prisoner denied the charge when brought to the Central Station, and said,—"It was the man with the white jacket who snatched the money, and ran against me knocking me down." His clothes were covered with mud as if he had fallen down.

Defendant wished to correct his former statement, and now said:—"I was not running when the man knocked me down and when I was arrested. I do not wish to call any witnesses."

Prisoner was sent to gaol for six months with hard labour; the first and last fourteen days in solitary confinement.

COMMITTED TO THE SESSIONS.

U A-cheong, was charged with stealing a pair of earrings value \$16.50 from the person of a married woman, on the 6th inst.

Leung A-kan stated that she was on the way to the Ko Shing Theatre on Saturday evening; she had got about as far along as the steps at Tank Lane, when some one came up behind and snatched her earrings from her ears. There was a street lamp at the opposite side of the road. She turned when she felt the pull at her ears and saw the defendant quite plainly. He had his hands closed as if holding something. Witness called out, "Robbery, Robbery," but did not pursue the prisoner, who rushed away in the direction of the steps. She rec-

turned to her house, and soon afterwards a constable came and brought the prisoner. She recognised him at once and accused him of stealing her earrings.

Mak Tung Hi, a servant girl in the emporium of complainant, was with her mistress at the time, and saw the thief quite plainly. She swore to prisoner being the man.

Cheng Ashik, a coolie, was walking in Square Street on the evening of the 6th inst., about seven o'clock. He heard some one call out "thief" and saw the defendant running up the steps in Tank Lane; he stopped him and handed him over to an Indian constable. A District Watchman came up and told witness and the Constable something about a robbery, and directed them to the house of the complainant. Witness and

about the beginning of July and to reach Japan in the middle of August. Happily,

as we have said, their anticipations have been realised. It would, of course, be useless, with the meagre details to hand, to speculate upon the results of the expedition from a geographical point of view. The Japan newspapers have been granted a rare opportunity for obtaining interesting and valuable information, which may be expected shortly to be made known to the world.

In the meantime, everyone will congratulate all concerned in the expedition upon its safe arrival, and with them pleasant voyage on their return to Europe through the more beaten tracks of navigation.

MESSRS DRAGON & CO.'s Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 6th Sept., says:

We have again to report a very quiet Tea market, a trifling business having been transacted during the past fortnight.

Congou.—The few transactions that are recorded at this port have been made at former rates; fine tea are in small supply, and command full rates.

Scented Teas.—There has been very little enquiry for Capers; the only tea still sought after being those of common grades, and these again form a large proportion of the fortnight's business; in medium tea no settlements are reported, teamen not having reduced their prices sufficiently to induce buying; a few parcels of good medium to fine tea have found purchasers at fully former rates.

Pekoe continue in small enquiry;

"short leaf" tea, which have been taken at Tls. 10 & 10½ per picoul, show no change in value, but "long leaf" kinds have been bought on easier terms, and may be quoted about a tael to a tael and a



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GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
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TERNEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
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toms, San Francisco.

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H. M. BLANCHARD,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, August 22, 1879.

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NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSELLES;

ALSO,

PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON TUESDAY, the 16th September,
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SINDEH, Commandant MONGE, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and
CARGO, will leave this Port for the above
places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marcellles, and ad-
mitted in transit through Marcellles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 15th September, 1879. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, September 3, 1879.

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To Let.

STORAGE.

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GODDOWNS in PEDDAR'S WHARF
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Hongkong, July 28, 1879.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

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Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

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DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, April 29, 1879.

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Intimations.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1878, AND TO THE 30TH JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their CONTRIBU-
TIONS from the 1st January, 1878, to the
30th June, 1879, in Order that the Portion of the NET PROFITS to be Re-
served for CONTRIBUTORS may be ar-
ranged. Returns not rendered prior to the
31st OCTOBER next will be adjusted by the
Company, and no Claims or Alterations
will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1879.

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Hongkong, August 22, 1879.

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YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSO-
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NOTICE.

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DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the
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ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED,
payable at our OFFICE on and after the
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By Order of the Directors,

RUSSELL & Co.,
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Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

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NOTICE.

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E. GEORGE,
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Hongkong, June 18, 1879.

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